1989-24695

1990-24227

1991-23318

In addition to the above over 10,000 a year go on their own; their precise number is not available.

(b) 1989 Rs. 43,27,83,786

1990 Rs. 50,68,02,155

1991 Rs. 54,46,79,278

(Provisional)

(c) The Government provides only the exchange facility.

[Translation]

Telephone Connections to Journalists

4979. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide telephone connections to journalists on priority basis or through some special quota;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). At present accredited journalists can register themselves under Non-OYT-Special Category which is a priority allotment category.

(c) Does not arise.

Excavation of Mica in Gazipur

4980. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether mica was discovered during excavation operation between 1978 and 1980 near Gazipur district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government for further exploration and excavation of the said mineral there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Since there is no indication of presence of mica in the area on the basis of electrical resistivity study and other geophysical survey conducted, there is no plan for any exploration work.

[English]

Telecom Centres with S.T.D. and Telex Facilities

4981. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Telecom Centers with S.T.D. and Telex facilities in the country, circle-wise as on April 1,1991;

(b) the number of such centres proposed to be opened, circle-wise during 1991-92; and

(c) the location of such centres proposed to be opened in Bihar?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). The information is given in the attached Statement.

(c) As on 1.4.1991, One Telecom Centre having both STD and Telex facilities was functioning at Arrah Court Compound, District Bhojpur in Bihar.

During 1991-92 four such Telecom Centres are proposed to be opened at the following locations:

1. Bokaro
2. Telco, Jamshedpur
3. Bhagwanpur, Muzaffarpur
4. Tower Chowk, Darbhanga.

STATEMENT

S. No.	Telecom Circle	No. of Telecom Centres with both STD & Telex facilities	No. of Telecom Centres with STD & Telex facility, proposed to be opened during 1991-92
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra	33	8
2.	North East	1	4
3.	Assam	2	3
4.	Bihar	1	4
5.	Gujarat	2	5
6.	Haryana	—	—
7.	Himachal	1	1
8.	J & K	1	1
9.	Karnataka	6	11
10.	Kerala	28	12

S. No.	Telecom Circle	No. of Telecom Centres with both STD & Telex facilities	No. of Telecom Centres with STD & Telex facility, proposed to be opened during 1991-92
1	2	3	4
11.	Maharashtra	38	5
12.	Madhya Pradesh	5	—
13.	Orissa	8	—
14.	Punjab	6	10
15.	Rajasthan	9	10
16.	Tamil Nadu	6	—
17.	Uttar Pradesh	6	—
18.	West Bengal	4	4
19.	Delhi Telecom District	5	75
20.	Bombay Telecom District	22	50

S. No.	Telecom Circle	No. of Telecom Centres with both STD & Telex facilities	No. of Telecom Centres with STD & Telex facility, proposed to be opened during 1991-92
1	2	3	4
21.	Madras Telecom District	11	4
22.	Culcutta Telecom District	For Calcutta City, this work is under taken by West Bengal Circle.	